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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH MINED MANSOUR KHALID
APRIL 23, HE REFERRED POSSIBILITY PRESIDENT NIMEIRI MIGHT VISIT
US PRIVATELY IN JUNE AND SAID ONE POINT OF CONTACT IN CONNEC-
TION WASHINGTON VISIT WAS SENATOR DICK CLARK OF IOWA. I
INTERJECTED THAT SENATOR CLARK WAS ONE OF GROWING NUMBER
LEGISLATORS ON HILL CONCERNED AT LACK OF PROGRESS IN OUR THREE
REMAINING HOSTAGE CASES. HOSTAGES ALL HAD FAMILIES, FAMILIES
ALL HAD RELATIVES AND RELATIVES ALL HAD CONGRESSMEN. IF
NIMEIRI WERE TO VISIT WASHINGTON INFORMALLY IN JUNE, I
COMMENTED PERSONALLY THAT HIS RECEPTION WOULD NO DOUBT BE EVEN
MORE THAN NORMALLY CORDIAL ON HILL IF HE HAD BY THEN
BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ARRANGING RELEASE FINAL HOSTAGES.
I ASSURED KHALID WE REMAINED GRATEFUL FOR WHAT HAS
ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, AS WELL AS FOR PRESIDENT'S
CONTINUING EFFORTS, BUT URGENT HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION TO THIS
PROBLEM ON PART GOES COULD HAVE REAL IMPACT IN TERMS
NIMEIRI'S RECEPTION IN JUNE BY INTERESTED CONGRESSMEN.

2. KHALID ASKED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS REGARDING STATUS
CISCO 3 CASES AND SAID HE WAS FULLY AGREED EARLY
RELEASE AMERICANS WOULD HAVE POSITIVE IMPACT IN TERMS
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NIMEIRI'S PLANNED US VISIT.

3. COMMENT. KHALID BADLY WANTS NIMEIRI TO MAKE SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO US. WE CONSEQUENTLY HOPE HE MAY REITERATE TO PRESIDENT BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON LATE TONIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF GOS FOLLOWING THROUGH ENERGETICALLY ON CISCO CASES.
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